

and hearts, they have cared for the elderly in the spirit of humble service.

The Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor has aided and given comfort to the impoverished elderly worldwide for over 163 years. This organization, which has spread its loving arms to over 30 countries worldwide, was founded by a group of caring women who were led by Jeanne Jugan. After taking in an elderly blind woman in 1839, Jeanne and two other women purchased a home where the poor could take shelter. Over the years, Jeanne took the place of the elderly women on the streets and began a campaign of soliciting in order to raise funds. By 1879, her ranks had grown to include 2,400 Little Sisters, and her beliefs and thoughtful nature had spread throughout Europe. Although Jeanne Jugan passed away later that year, she succeeded in inspiring and improving the lives of thousands of needy people.

Over the 163 years that the congregation has existed, the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Poor has opened 242 homes that presently serve 22,000 residents. Their tireless efforts to bring comfort to those who need a shoulder to lean on shows that the Little Sisters not only represents the values of America but also the unremitting concern for one's neighbor.

The Little Sisters have faithfully served the people of Delaware for the last century. Opening St. Joseph's Home for the Aged on Fourth and Bancroft in Wilmington in 1903, the Little Sisters became a beloved and well-known part of the community. In 1978, the Jeanne Jugan residence opened in Newark, where the Little Sisters continue their work to this day, providing the highest possible level of care for their residents. The non-denominational home cares for low-income individuals of all racial and ethnic backgrounds.

The Little Sisters have provided care for over 4,700 people during their time in Delaware. Blessed by the generosity of the community in which they serve, the Sisters continue to work towards their mission of humble service to the elderly among us.

I rise today to commemorate all the work that has been done by the Little Sisters of the Poor in aiding the elderly. What began in 1839 as an effort to gather funds for a poor blind woman in France has become an international community of compassionate individuals who have chosen to give their lives in the attempt to improve the well being of the elderly.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated in the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages

from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 3:00 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrent of the Senate:

H.R. 1559. An act making emergency war-time supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 4303, and the order of the House of January 8, 2003, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the Board of Trustees of Gallaudet University: Ms. WOOLSEY of California.

The message further announced that pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 955(b) note, the Minority Leader appoints the following Member of the House of Representatives to the National Council on the Arts for the 108th Congress: Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with amendments:

S. 196. A bill to establish a digital and wireless network technology program, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-34).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. MILLER (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS):

S. 792. A bill to restate, clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BYRD (for himself and Mr. JEFFORDS):

S. 793. A bill to provide for increased energy savings and environmental benefits through the increased use of recovered mineral component in federally funded projects involving procurement of cement or concrete; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. DURBIN (for himself, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. REED, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 794. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the system for enhancing automobile fuel efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. DURBIN:

S. 795. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide additional tax

incentives for enhancing motor vehicle fuel efficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS:

S. 796. A bill to provide for the appointment of a Director of State and Local Government Coordination within the Department of Homeland Security and to transfer the Office for Domestic Preparedness to the Office of the Secretary of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. SESSIONS):

S. 797. A bill to prevent the pretrial release of those who rape or kidnap children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 798. A bill to assist the States in enforcing laws requiring registration of convicted sex offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 799. A bill to require Federal agencies to establish procedures to facilitate the safe recovery of children reported missing within a public building; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 800. A bill to prevent the use of a misleading domain name with the intent to deceive a person into viewing obscenity on the Internet; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 801. A bill to provide for attempt liability for international parental kidnapping; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. CLINTON:

S. 802. A bill to establish procedures in public buildings regarding missing or lost children; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 803. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction to members of the Armed Forces reserves for contributions to savings accounts which may be used when the members are called to active duty; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mr. WARNER):

S. 804. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a nonrefundable tax credit for contributions to congressional candidates; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 805. A bill to enhance the rights of crime victims, to establish grants for local governments to assist crime victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. JOHNSON):

S. 806. A bill to improve the benefits and protections provided for regular and reserve members of the Armed Forces deployed or mobilized in the interests of the national security of the United States; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 807. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a maximum term of supervised release of life for sex offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FRIST (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 105. A resolution to authorize testimony and legal representation in *State of New Hampshire v. Macy E. Morse, et al*; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. DOLE, and Mr. LUGAR):

S. Res. 106. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate with respect to the 50th anniversary of the Foreign Agricultural Service of the Department of Agriculture; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRAIG (for himself and Mr. REID):

S. Con. Res. 33. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding scleroderma; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 149

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to improve investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases with DNA evidence, and for other purposes.

S. 157

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 157, a bill to help protect the public against the threat of chemical attacks.

S. 171

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 171, a bill to amend the title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide payment to medicare ambulance suppliers of the full costs of providing such services, and for other purposes.

S. 274

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 274, a bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

S. 304

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 304, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to expand the scope of the Act, and for other purposes.

S. 369

At the request of Mr. THOMAS, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. BURNS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 369, a bill to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to improve the processes for listing, recovery planning, and delisting, and for other purposes.

S. 451

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. ALLEN) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) were added as cosponsors of S. 451, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to increase the minimum Survivor Benefit Plan basic annuity for surviving spouses age 62 and older, to provide for a one-year open season under that plan, and for other purposes.

S. 486

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the names of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 486, a bill to provide for equal coverage of mental health benefits with respect to health insurance coverage unless comparable limitations are imposed on medical and surgical benefits.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, a bill to provide a grant program for gifted and talented students, and for other purposes.

S. 501

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 501, *supra*.

S. 539

At the request of Mr. DOMENICI, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 539, a bill to authorize appropriations for border and transportation security personnel and technology, and for other purposes.

S. 604

At the request of Mr. BAYH, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 604, a bill to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide grants to promote responsible fatherhood, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 626

At the request of Mr. BUNNING, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 626, a bill to reduce the amount of paperwork for special education teachers, to make mediation mandatory for all legal disputes related to individualized education programs, and for other purposes.

S. 632

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN), the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY), the

Senator from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL), and the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 632, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand coverage of medical nutrition therapy services under the medicare program for beneficiaries with cardiovascular disease.

S. 654

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the names of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 654, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to enhance the access of medicare beneficiaries who live in medically underserved areas to critical primary and preventive health care benefits, to improve the Medicare+Choice program, and for other purposes.

S. 665

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. BOND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 665, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for farmers and fishermen, and for other purposes.

S. 678

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the names of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) and the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) were added as cosponsors of S. 678, a bill to amend chapter 10 of title 39, United States Code, to include postmasters and postmasters organizations in the process for the development and planning of certain policies, schedules, and programs, and for other purposes.

S. 700

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. DURBIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 700, a bill to provide for the promotion of democracy, human rights, and rule of law in the Republic of Belarus and for the consolidation and strengthening of Belarus sovereignty and independence.

S. 726

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 726, a bill to treat the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November as a legal public holiday for purposes of Federal employment, and for other purposes.

S. 740

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KERRY), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. CORZINE), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) were added as cosponsors of S. 740, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve patient access to, and utilization of, the colorectal cancer screening benefit under the medicare program.